

OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Golden Field Office Mission and Functions Statement

The mission of the Golden Field Office is to support the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE) through research and development (R&D) partnerships, outreach to stakeholders nationwide to further the use of EE technologies, and laboratory contract administration.

In carrying out its mission, Golden works in partnership with industry and DOE's national laboratories on joint R&D projects in such areas as photovoltaics (solar cells), wind energy, biomass, hydrogen, geothermal, ocean energy, and industrial energy efficiency. Golden also helps implement the State Energy Program and Weatherization Assistance Program and supports EE with technology deployment activities. To accomplish all this, Golden works in close partnership with DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NREL), with implementation of EE's programs roughly split between the two. Together, they comprise the Project Management Center (PMC), a unique organizational structure that brings the best available skills and resources together in a virtually-integrated organization, all working toward the same goals.

Finally, Golden administers the management and operating contract for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the only national laboratory dedicated to researching and developing renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.